

# REPORT

**DATE:** August 5, 2004

**TO:** The Administration Committee  
The Regional Council

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**SUBJECT:** Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors Membership Fee

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S APPROVAL**



**RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Approve a \$5,000 General Fund expenditure for membership dues for the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors for calendar year 2004.

**SUMMARY:**

SCAG staff is requesting that the Regional Council authorize a \$5,000 General Fund expenditure for membership fees for the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors (CAGTC). CAGTC is an issue specific advocacy effort dedicated to ensuring that goods movement, freight and homeland security infrastructure are adequately funded in the reauthorization of the Federal Transportation Program. SCAG has been a member of the coalition since March 2002 and with the reauthorization negotiations continuing and possibly extending beyond the November Presidential election, staff is recommending continued membership in the coalition.

**BACKGROUND:**

CAGTC is a national advocacy coalition dedicated to building public and congressional support for freight infrastructure and securing sufficient funding in the reauthorization of TEA-21 for trade corridors and gateways. CAGTC's main mission is to promote a seamless goods movement transportation system across all modes to enhance capacity and economic growth. The coalition is comprised of a variety of interests including motor carriers, railroads, ports, state departments of transportation, national corridor projects and other transportation stakeholders. Some local members of the coalition include: Alameda Corridor-East Construction Authority, Gateway Cities Council of Governments, Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA), Los Angeles Economic Development Corporation, OnTrac, Port of Los Angeles, Riverside County Transportation Commission (RCTC), and San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)

CAGTC has called on Congress and the Administration to increase funding for goods movement, develop innovative financing approaches and establish freight mobility as a central element of national transportation policy. The CAGTC's efforts complement and advance a vital issue and one of the principal challenges being addressed by SCAG's Goods Movement Program—the negative differential in funding that exists between identified regional freight movement projects and available sources of funds. Over the last two years, the CAGTC has successfully drawn attention to the critical issue of goods movement by doing the following:

- Hosting Congressional events
- Organizing showcase events to draw attention to successful goods movement projects and future needs.



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- Producing educational materials on the importance of freight infrastructure including a brochure and document entitled *America's Freight is America's Future: Succeeding Through Borders and Corridors*.
- Testifying at Congressional hearings on the importance of goods movement.
- Gaining endorsements from organizations such as United Transportation Union and the National Association of Regional Councils.

Most importantly, CAGTC has successfully gained attention for freight from Congress and the Administration and influenced their reauthorization bills. The House of Representatives increased funding for freight-related infrastructure programs that existed in TEA-21 and also created new programs that focus on the ever expanding needs of our goods movement system.

## FISCAL IMPACT:

The \$5,000 membership fee is an annual fee that is paid by all coalition members. The CAGTC membership fee was previously deducted from SCAG's General Fund. According to Federal regulations, SCAG is not permitted to use Federal Grants for any type of advocacy or lobbying efforts. See the table below:

<b>RC Membership Line Item Budget (GF)</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
Plus Transfer from Program Adjustment Line Item (GF)	\$3,500
<b>New Total RC Membership Line Item Budget (GF)</b>	<b>\$13,500</b>
The Coalition for America's Gateway	(\$5,000)
CALCOG General Fund Portion	(\$7,283)
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$1,217</b>

## ATTACHMENT:

CAGTC Invoice

T. Gorham  
CAGTC Membership  
Docs#101331



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# Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade Corridors

ACS State and Local  
Solutions

Alameda Corridor-East  
Construction Authority

American Standard  
Companies

American Trucking  
Associations

Association of American  
Railroads

Bechtel Infrastructure  
Corporation

DMJM-Harris

Florida East Coast Railway

Florida Trade and Transport  
Council

Gateway Cities Council of  
Governments

Genesee & Wyoming Inc.

HDR Engineering, Inc.

Intermodal Association of  
North America

Los Angeles County  
Metropolitan Transportation  
Authority

Los Angeles Economic  
Development Corporation

Moffatt & Nichol Engineers

National Association of  
Regional Councils

National Railroad Construction  
and Maintenance Association,  
Inc.

OnTrac

Parsons Brinckerhoff

Port of Los Angeles

Port of Oakland

Port of Pittsburgh

Port of Seattle

Port of Stockton

Port of Tacoma

RAILCET

Riverside (Calif.) County  
Transportation  
Commission

San Bernardino Associated  
Governments

Southern California  
Association of Governments

Washington State  
Department of Transportation

## INVOICE

**DATE:** November 6, 2003

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2004 Membership fee for the Coalition for America's Gateways and Trade  
Corridors:

**TOTAL**

**\$5,000.00**

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